



Calliope State School

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Calliope Kids
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What's happening in ...

News from 2D

Students in 2D have attended the Under 8's Day this week. After speaking to the students, the highlights from the day were making crowns and getting their face painted.

Over the last few weeks, 2D has been learning how to tell the time to the closest quarter of an hour. They each have their own clock so that they can convert analogue, digital times and write the time in words. Cleverly, they are already using this new skill to follow the day's timetable and often raise their hand to tell me what the time is!

Persuasive text is the genre the 2's have been learning about this term. They are learning to use persuasive techniques such as repetition and rhetorical questioning to make convincing arguments. We have written a few practice persuasives about topics that they are passionate about, such as why they should get a new pet.

Each day, 2D checks on their garden bed to watch their plants grow. We are learning about animal and plant life cycles and they have begun designing their life cycle posters in class this week.



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Principal's Piece

Well, we have past the half way mark for the term. It is a long term at 11 weeks with lots of events and celebrations as well as the continued focus on teaching and learning.

This week involves the Sports Days for all students. It is a huge week and thanks must go to Miss Carmen Tuttle for her dedication to the students of Calliope State School. She has been preparing for both the Junior and Senior Sports Days for several weeks now and we look forward to seeing all students participating in their events. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Prep – Year 2: Wednesday 9.00 – 11.00am
Senior – long distance events: Thursday 9.00 – 11.00am
Year 3-6: Friday all day



Premiers Reading Challenge

Calliope State School will be participating in the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge is a great opportunity for children to improve their literacy and encourage them to read widely for pleasure. The reading period for schools is from May 16th to August 26th.

Forms are available in each classroom and students and parents can record each book read. Books may include home readers, books read in class and books borrowed from the library (both at school and the town library). The school expectation is that every child reads at home at least four nights a week, so make sure you are including these books on your reading record.

More information can be found at <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/>

Toys and cards at school

Lately we have seen an increase in the number of toys (toy cars, balls, action figures etc) being brought to school to use at play times. Students are discouraged from bringing their own toys to school unless it is a specific 'show and tell' item which will remain in the classroom. Any toys brought to school are done so at their own risk. Puzzles, games and construction materials are available in the hall at lunch breaks.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Cards are also being brought to school as a lunch time activity. There is a Yu-Gi-Oh! Club in the hall supervised by SEP staff at break times and should be the only place these cards are used. There is a strict no trading rule at the club. Cards used in other games are at the owner's risk.

SMS4SCHOOLS

From Thursday this week, Calliope State School will be trialling a new SMS Message System. This will be primarily used for absentees, where parents and carers will be notified via SMS Alert message if their child/ren are absent from school. This will minimise the unexplained absences, giving parents/carers an option to reply to the SMS with a short reason explaining the absence.

We will also be using this method to promote upcoming events, excursions and reminders that are happening within our school.

Regards
Raelene
A/Principal

Reminder
Prep-Yr2 – Sports Morning 25th May
Yr3-6 – Sports Day 26th & 27th May
All Welcome

Sports Day

Please find attached the information sheet for sports day.

Prep – Year 2 – Sports Morning 25th May

Year 3 – 6 – Sports Day 26th & 27th May



Chappy Corner

Chappy Week

Happy Chappy Week!! Chappy week is all about celebration and promoting Chaplaincy within the School Community. Calliope celebrated Chappy Week with a Crazy Sock Day. I would like to thank every student and staff member who wore Crazy Socks on Wednesday 18th. Your enthusiasm about your crazy socks made the day extra fun

Expressing displeasure without humiliating your child

A rebuke should carry some sting without shaming your child. If your child has done something wrong by accident, like forgetting to do an assignment, the consequence is the lesson learned – that your child will get an F for the missed work. If your child continually forgets something, do not rescue them.

If your child does something wrong out of just wanting to, you should administer the rebuke in private; speak to the offender gently and tenderly; and let your child know that "this does not become you".

The Blessing of a Skinned Knee' by Wendy Mogel'

Stop Drop and Go

We would like to ask parents to please use the stop drop and go area to drop off and collect your children. Please do not stop at the front gate and hold up traffic. Due to unlimited parking and a high congestion of traffic this causes major problems. If you do not use the Stop Drop & Go facility please utilise the carpark at the pool or across from the RSL Hall. Please consider the safety of our children and community members. We appreciate your cooperation in regards to this matter.

Dates to Remember

25 May	P-2 Sports morning
26 May	Yr 3-6 Sports Day
27 May	Yr 3-6 Sports Day
7 June	P&C meeting
9 June	Fanfare
23 June	Report cards go home
24 June	Principal's Parade

Unexplained Absences

PROCEDURE FOR STUDENT ABSENCES

If your student is away for any reason there are several ways of notifying the school.

- **Send a note with your child**
- **Phone on 07 4975 8366**
- **Email- absences@calliopess.eq.edu.au**

We appreciate and thank-you for your cooperation.

Contact Details

We would like to remind all parents if you have moved or changed your contact details over the holidays please update your information by calling the office on 4975 8333.

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Newsletter Distribution

The newsletter is published every Tuesday and is sent via email. If you have not given the school office your email please do so by calling the office or emailing admin@calliopess.eq.edu.au. If you would prefer a paper copy please inform the Office.

Office hours are 8am-4pm

Prayer Time with Chappy

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 7:45 – 8:00am

Where: Chappy Sonia's office between 3A and 3B

Uniform Shop

The opening time for our uniform shop is **Wednesday 8.15-9.00am**. The uniform shop has eftpos. Otherwise cash and cheque are accepted. If you are unable to get to the uniform shop during opening hours, you can fill out an order form available from the office, and leave completed form and cash or cheque payment with the office ladies. Your order will be filled and be ready for collection on Wednesday. Uniforms can be ordered through flexischools - www.flexischools.com.au.

Gladstone Region Combined Schools String Workshop

It is time for our annual String Workshop! This is a fantastic chance for our string students to consolidate on what has already been learnt this year, study for a day under renowned Guest Conductor, David Maddick, and perform at a Gala Concert. Forms can be collected from the office . The workshop costs \$30 and payment and form needs to be returned to the office by 17th June

Community News

Calliope Catwalk – 13th Aug

Save the Date: 13th August
Calliope Catwalk Ladies Day will be an afternoon of fun, fashion and friends and will include the Recycled Fashions and Wearable Art Fashion Awards. There will be entertainment, raffles etc. Tickets can be purchased from Limestone Clothing and through the Calliope P&C, and include nibbles and a 2 course meal. Cost for tickets is \$60. Please find attached information regarding the Calliope Catwalk.

Student of the Week

Prep A	Ella	Prep B	Milie
Prep C	Dylan	Prep D	William
Prep/1E	Gabrielle	1A	Chelsea
1B	Deacon	1C	Amelia
1D	Ruby	2A	Curtis
2B	Krystal	2C	
2D	Amy	3A	Cameron
3B	Andy	3C	Austin
3D		4A	
4B	Rhianna	4C	Daniel
5A	Brayden	5B	Tyran
5C	Travis	6A	Hayley
6B	Lachlan	6C	Tommy
PE	Ashton	MUSIC	Ethan

Year 6 Fundraising

Reminder, all chocolate boxes sold or unsold need to be returned to the school as ASAP. Thank you to everyone that has helped support the Year 6 students in raising funds for their camp.

Under 8's morning

Thank you to everyone for attending this year. It was wonderful to have our special visitors – Teale, Calliope Fire Brigade, Calliope Rural Fire Brigade and the Calliope Police.

